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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

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NOT SURPRISINGLY, THE PRESSURE IS BUILDING UP FOR WORD ON WHEN MOBUTU MIGHT MEET WITH PRESIDENT NIXON. LAST EVENING (SEP 14) COMMISSIONER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS NGUZA TELEPHONED ME TO SAY THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD ASKED HIM TO FOLLOW UP THE PRESIDENT'S CALL TO ME IN THE MORNING (REFTEL). THE PRESIDENT HAD NOT WISHED, DIRECTLY, TO MENTION HIS REAL DISAPPOINTMENT THAT HIS OVERTURES FOR A SHORT MEETING WITH HIS OLD FRIEND PRESIDENT NIXON WHICH HAD BEEN MADE SOME MONTHS AGO HAD AS YET HAD NO RESPONSE. NGUZA ADDED THAT MOBUTU IS LEAVING KINSHASA SEP 20, IN JUST A FEW DAYS, FOR A SHORT PRIVATE STAY IN SPAIN BEFORE TAKING THE FRANCE TO THE US AND THE PRESIDENT HAD PLAINTIVELY BUT POINTEDLY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT BE MADE BEFORE HE STARTS HIS TRIP WESTWARD.

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